सुपर बाजार में सलाजोपायरिन दवा की उपलब्धता

1541. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नई दिल्ली के सुपर बाजार (कनाट प्लेस) में सलाजोपयरिन दवा मार्च और अप्रैल, 1989 के महीनों में किन-किन तारीखों को उपलब्ध थी और किन-किन तारीखों को उपलब्ध नहीं थी; और

(ख) इसके उपलब्ध न होने के क्या-क्या कारण हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जे० वेंगल राव) :

(क) और (ख) सुपर बाजार से प्राप्त की गई जानकारी के अनुसार सलाजोपायरिन मार्च, 1989 के दौरान उपलब्ध नहीं थी क्योंकि संबंधित कंपनी द्वारा 30 मार्च, 1989 को प्रेषित किए बताये गये 200 डिब्बे (20,000 गोलियां) उनको 4 अप्रैल, 1989 को प्राप्त हुए थे । कंपनी द्वारा उपलब्ध कराये गये ब्यौरों के अनुसार उनके द्वारा सुपर बाजार को दिनांक 22-4-1989 को और 40,000 गोलियों की सप्लाई भी की गई थी । संबंधित कंपनी ने सूचित किया है कि कंपनी के सहयोग कर्ताओं द्वारा सप्लाई किए गये कच्चे माल की श्रेणी में परिवर्तन होने के कारण सप्लाई में कमी आई थी ।

Spurt in the Prices of Newsprint

1542. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sudden spurt in the prices of newsprint in the country recently; if so, the extent of rise and reasons therefor; and

(b) what is the estimated demand of the newsprint in the country during 1989-90 and indigenous production during the period whether there is gap between demand and supply and how Government propose to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Some of the newspapers have increased their prices by 10 to 15 per cent approximately, reportedly on account of increase in costs, including the cost of newsprint. However, there has been no change in the price of indigenous newsprint since January 1988. On the other hand, the international price of newsprint has recorded a sharp rise in the recent past. State Trading Corporation's selling price of imported standard newsprint, which was Rs. 7530 per tonne for the quarter Jan-March, 1988, has accordingly gone up to Rs. 12,715 per tonne (exclusive of import duty) for the quarter April-June 1989.

(b) According to the Seventh Five Year Plan, the demand for newsprint is estimated at 5 lakh tonnes per annum by 1989-90. The demand for newsprint in the country is met both by indigenous production and imports. The indigenous production of newsprint during 1988-89 was 2.76 lakh tonnes which is expected to go upto 3 lakh tonnes during 1989-90.

Termination of IOC workment

1543. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the services of 150 workmen have been summarily and illegally terminated by the authorised and registered contractors of Indane (LPG) bottling plants of IOC at their Tikri Kalan and Shakurbasti Depots on 21st January, 1989;